

Dr. Kim Jochum, APC Candidate Statement 2025



Hello, my name is Kim Jochum, and I am interested to support our school as an APC member. I currently work with the National Park Service in Alaska in the Regional Subsistence Program. Previously, I worked for Colorado State University leading a wildlife program in Interior Alaska for over five years, and with the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council on developing water governance approaches and the establishment of Tribal Conservation Districts. I received an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in wildlife biology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, I completed a master's in biology at the University of Hannover, Germany, and an undergraduate degree in biology at the Technical University of Kaiserslautern, Germany. I grew up in Germany and always loved travelling. My desire to learn about our world lead me to have worked in many countries and with many local organizations and communities on various free-ranging mammal species throughout my career, including the USA, Canada, the Russian Far-East, Nicaragua and across Europe. For over 15 years now I've called Alaska home and I truly enjoy sharing my love for outdoor adventures and travelling with my husband and two children.

I have extensive experience participating in regulatory processes across Alaska. In my current position for example I am an Interagency Staff Committee member to the Federal Subsistence Board, and I work with and support many regulatory advisory bodies such as Regional Advisory Councils. As a volunteer, I served in the 6-year presidency cycle (president-elect 2 years, president 2 years and past president 2 years) with The Wildlife Society Alaska Chapter between 2018 and 2024, and as vice president for the Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society between 2017 and 2019. Between 2010 and 2012 I represented the Graduate Student Association on the UAA Graduate Council. Prior, I volunteered in various capacities with the international Association of Polar Early Career Scientists. I have served as secretary and accounts editor in various volunteer positions, including for the Alaska Shorebird Group (2015-2017), and the Society of Game Biologists in Germany (2009-2011). In my current and past positions, I managed budgets of up to 1.5 million dollars, co-managed budgets over 6 million dollars, and lead teams of up to 18 personnel. This included being responsible for employee safety in backcountry settings and team performance. I thrive working with diverse teams and finding meaningful solutions to (often unforeseen) challenges.

I am very comfortable to state and defend positions in public board settings. With the non-profit organizations which I served and in my professional positions over the last two decades, I participated in various strategic planning efforts, bylaw edits, position statement drafting and interpreting of laws and regulations. Specifically, while president for The Wildlife Society Alaska Chapter, I chaired, co-chaired, and participated in standing committees such as the Conservation Affairs Committee, the Awards

Committee, the Chapter Development, and the Student Development Working Groups. I further participated in drafting and signed comment letters to legislative entities. I am familiar with Robert's Rules of order, am accustomed to applying to external fund sources and I enjoy working collaboratively on, and administering projects with, partner organizations.

I would very much enjoy applying my experience and skills to advance our schools capabilities and our children's education. I am new to school administration and management, but eager to learn. Many opportunities and challenges lie ahead of us, and I look to fill a more active role in supporting and volunteering for our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.